

Procedures for Responding to Situations of Environmental Concern

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What if you're driving down the highway and see a truck carrying hazardous materials on fire? Or what if a friend or neighbor tells you that the local tire-recycling center has smoke bellowing from behind a fence? Or what if you witness a truck overturn and its liquid (or solid) contents spill all over the roadway? What if you suspect illegal dumping or a fish kill in a water body in your area?

These are examples of emergency situations that are handled by the **Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)** in the **Emergency Response Section**. This agency is responsible for responding to such events and coordinating with other state and local agencies (e.g., the Department of Health, fire department, etc.). The IDEM emergency response team is available to respond to emergencies 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

The Emergency Response group is housed within the agency's Office of Land Quality and can offer additional technical assistance (for example a chemist or geologist) to answer those questions related to toxic releases. Public calls are received via the IDEM 24-hour spill line at 1-888-233-7745 or locally at 317-233-7745.

If you would like more details on this and other related response protocols, you may access this information at the following website address:

<http://www.IN.gov/idem/macsfactsheets/whiteriver/report/appendixc.html>
